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Indicted Ex-Official of FBI Says Trial Data Withheld

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A former FBI official has complained that the government has not furnished documents he needs for his trial on charges of violating civil rights while searching for radical bombers.

Former assistant director Edward S. Miller had asked for all documents in the possession of, among others, the FBI, CIA and National Security Agency "which show that members of the Weatherman Underground Organization had connection with foreign countries."

Miller, who is scheduled to be tried next month along with former acting FBI director L. Patrick Gray III and former associate director W. Mark Felt, said he had received some documents.

But, he complained, many had been so heavily censored "as to render them incoherent" and not in compliance with a court order that they be made available to the defense.

Gray, Felt and Miller are charged with conspiring to violate the rights

of citizens—relatives of Weatherman fugitives. Conviction carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

Miller's list of requests included "the so-called Cathy Boudin letters from Moscow," which he said are "believed to be about 100 letters written by Boudin, a known Weatherman fugitive, from Moscow in the early 1970s and obtained by the CIA."

Boudin has been much-sought since she went underground in 1970 after being named in a number of cases stemming from antiwar activities. The government never acknowledged that it knew her whereabouts.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department asked the federal court here to prohibit any party in the case from disclosing classified documents. It said that the defendants "shall have full access to all classified national security documents," but that any decision on admitting classified documents into evidence should wait until the trial begins.